Travancore State-aided Bank.

244 *MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what amount is deposited by them in the Travancore State-aided Bank:

(*b*) whether they have conducted an enquiry into the solvency of the Bank;

(*c*) if so, whether they have ascertained what amount, if any, they may lose out of the amount due to them from the Bank;

(*d*) whether the Government have given up any part of the amount due to them;

(*e*) if so, what is the amount so given up; and

(*f*) what steps, if any, the Government are taking for the realisation of the amount due to them?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR: (*a*) The amount of deposit outstanding on this date is B. Rs. 2½ lakhs.

(*b*) An investigation into the affairs of the Bank was conducted by Inspectors appointed by the Government under the provisions of the Companies Regulation at the request of certain share holders.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Yes. By orders dated 20th September 1936 and 9th July 1937.

(*e*) B. Rs. 2½ lakhs. Vide also para 7 of the Financial Secretary's speech introducing the Budget for 1113. Besides this, the arrears of interest due at the rate of 5 per cent per annum up to 31st October 1936 were realised only at the rate of 1½ per cent per annum and the rate of interest from 1st November 1936 was reduced from 5 per cent to 3½ per cent.

(*f*) Under the agreement between the Government and the Bank the deposit referred to in (*a*) is to be repaid in annual payments of B. Rs 50,000 and the first year's payment is due only on 25th February 1938.

Bombay-Trivandrum Air Service.

245 *MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what amount they have spent till now in connection with the Bombay-Trivandrum Air Service; and

(*b*) what amount, if any, the Government are giving as subsidy to the proprietors of the service?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI:

(*a*) Amount spent up to date including the expenditure on the construction of the aerodrome and hangar etc., is Rs. 60,647-19-5;

(*b*) Br. Rs. 20,000, yearly, by equal half-yearly instalments.

Motor Service in the Changanachery-Mundakayam line.

246 *MR. P. J. SEBASTIAN (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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